

FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REV. 2/01T		<p style="margin: 0;">CUSTOMER NO. 22,852</p> <p style="margin: 0;">ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</p> <p style="margin: 0;">07552.0041</p> <p style="margin: 0;">U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37CFR1.5)</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 1.5em;">10/511391</p>	
<p>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</p>			
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/IB03/01055	March 21, 2003		April 18, 2002
<p>TITLE OF INVENTION CONNECTION ELEMENT AND CONNECTING DEVICE FOR TUBES</p>			
<p>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Andrea PARRINO and Guido COLLI</p>			
<p>Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p>			
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4). <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p>			
<p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p>			
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three assignment documents for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included with each assignment.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A Substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 03/086528 A1 b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements. c. <input type="checkbox"/> 			

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY			
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):					
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1110.00					
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$950.00					
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$790.00					
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$750.00					
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) \$100.00					
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =					
\$ 950.00					
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).					
□ 20 □ 30 \$					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	32	- 20 =	12	x \$18.00	\$ 240.00
Independent Claims	1	-3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$290.00		\$
TOTAL OF THE ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$1190.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.			\$		
SUBTOTAL =			\$1190.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).			□ 20 □ 30 \$		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.			+ \$120.00		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =			\$1310.00		
			Amount to be refunded:		\$
			charged:		\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1310.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0916</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
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